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Letter dated 20 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 19 July 1993 from my President to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 July 1993 from the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Secretary-General

The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina will soon forward its proposal for negotiations on Bosnia and Herzegovina to your envoy, Mr. Stoltenberg. Our proposal envisages the federal structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in view of which the Republic would be composed of several federal regions, not exclusively based on ethnic principles.

We would also like to commend Mr. Stoltenberg for all his efforts made so far in seeking an equitable peace for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

My Government has been following with great interest the modalities that you have utilized successfully to reach a peace agreement in El Salvador, after a 10-year war, and more recently, to return democracy to Haiti.

The concept of friends of the Secretary-General, which allowed you to incorporate a formal group of countries to support the efforts of your Special Representative in both of those negotiations, has proven to be extremely useful in concluding the agreements. It is based on these experiences of using a group of friends of the Secretary-General that my Government wishes to encourage you to ask a group of countries to support the efforts of your Special Representative, Mr. Stoltenberg.

I am confident that a group of countries that have proven to value multi-ethnic and multi-cultural principles in their own societies will be willing to contribute with you and with the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina at such a tragic point in its history.

I would like to stress to you how important we consider this request, which we believe will be of extraordinary relevance in the negotiations to bring peace to my country.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President